श्री अरविन्द गणेश कुलकर्णी : यह गाव वाली महिलायें नहीं हैं यह हरियाणवी ... (**व्यवधान**)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Mr Devi Lal is a male chauvinist. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Sir, please expunge whatever the Deputy Prime Minister has said.

श्री देवी लाल : मेरी बहनों को अगर यह बात बुरी लगी हैं तो मैं चाहता हूं कि यह सारे शब्द निकाल दिये जायें।

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Sir, Mr. Devi Lal must know that these are modern mahilas, not the gaonwali mahilas. (*Interruptions*)

श्री सभापति : पहले मंत्री जी को सुनिए, वे क्या कह रहे हैं.... (**व्यवधान**)

श्री देवीलाल : मेरी बात को सुनिए। मैं दो मिनट में आपके सामने सारी बात क्लियर कर दूंगा.... (**व्यवधान**)

श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं चाहती हूं कि ये अपने उद्गार वापस ले लें ... (**व्यवधान**)

श्री देवी लाल : मेरे यह कहने से... (**व्यवधान**)

श्री सभापति : वह क्या कह रहे हैं सुन तो लीजिए.... (**व्यवधान**)

श्री देवी लाल : मेरे कहने की मंशा यह थी कि आजकल पढ़ी लिखी महिलाएं तो बहुत आगे बढ चुकी हैं पर देहात की महिलाएं इतनी आगे नहीं आई है। अगर इसके मतलब को उन्होंने बुरा समझा है, तो मैं अपनी बहनों से कह रहा हूं कि मैं अपने लफ्ज वापस लेता हूं।

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, he must apologise.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are not permitting lady Minister to speak!

श्रीमती ऊषा सिंह : माननीय सभापति महोदय, बात कुछ और थी पर कहीं और चली गई... (**व्यवधान**)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Sir, I want to ask a supplementary.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, I will not permit.

श्रीमती ऊषा सिंह : महिलाओं को जहां तक दर्जा देने का सवाल है, प्रश्न यह था कि हमारे जो होटल हैं, उसमें जो गरीब तबके के लोग आते हैं, उनको भी रेस्टोरेंट्स में रिआयत दी जाएगी। कहने का तात्पर्य यह था। इसके पूर्व के प्रश्न के जवाब में यह बताना चाहूंगी कि अभी तक हमारे पर्यटन विभाग में संबंधित कोई कंसलटेटिव कमेटी या एडवाईजरी कमेटी नहीं है। अतः हम एक महीने के अंदर कंसलटेटिव कमेटी और दो महीनों के अंदर एडवाईजरी कमेटी बनाएंगे और उसमें ज्यादा से ज्यादा महिलाओं को रखेंगे ताकि वे एडवाइज दे सकें।

*124. [*The questioner (Shri N. E. Balaram) was absent. For answer vide cols. 32-33 infra*]

*125. [*The questioner (Shri V. Gopalsamy and Shri R. Ganesan were absent. For answer, Vide cols. 32-33 infra*]

Decline in Tourism due to worsening Communal situation

*126. DR G VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the worsening communal situation in the country tourism in places like Agra has suffered severely; and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take so that tourism in "Visit India Year" 1991, achieves the expected target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) There has been a decline in foreign tourist traffic to places like Agra during 1990 due to various reasons including communal tensions in some parts of the country

(b) The Government has initiated several measures to augment tourism infrastructural facilities and to improve the image of India in the overseas markets as a holiday destination.

DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: The hon. Minister has not paid attention to this question. Even Taj was closed. We do not know why it was closed and for how many days and what its impact was on the foreign tourists Even though tourists' year has begun, the foreign tourist groups are cancelling their tours and all the hotels are lying vacant. There is no security provided to the tourists. I want to know how has the Government failed even to make Taj a place for tourists' visit.

श्री सभापति : ये कह रहे हैं कि टूरिस्टों के लिए अच्छा इंतजाम कर दीजिए आप सिक्योरिटी का।

श्रीमती ऊषा सिंह : माननीय सभापति महोदय, पिछले समय में आगरा में होटल के सामने कम्युनल रायट्स हुए जिसके कारण होटल को बंद करना पड़ा तीन-चार दिनों के लिए और आए दिन वहां पर लॉ एण्ड आर्डर प्राब्लम हो जाती है लेकिन मैं माननीय सदस्य की भावना की कद्र करते हुए इसका प्रबंध कराऊंगी कि वहां पर पूरी सिक्योरिटी रहे।

DR' G VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: South is being neglected. What does the Government propose to do to utilise the total potential from the South, because South has a great potential for tourism?

श्री देवी लाल : जहां तक साउथ का ताल्लुक है, मैं आनरेबल मेंबर से दरख्वास्त करूंगा कि वे कोई खास प्रपोजल लाएं, हम उसे मंजूर करने को तैयार हैं।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Import of Palmolein and Coconut oil

*124. SHRI N. E BALARAM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to reduce the import of Palmolein and also to start the import of coconut oil;

(b) if so, what are the details of the total quantum of Palmolein imported during the year 1990; and

(c) the details of the agreement made for the import of Palmolein and the agreement being made for the import of coconut oil alongwith the names of the countries from which it is proposed to be imported alongwith its expected price?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The quantity of Palmolein imported is decided by Govt. from year to year. Palmolein constitutes the only Edible Oil imported during the calendar year 1990 and a total quantity of about 5 64 lakh tonnes was imported Import of any other Edible Oil at competitive prices is not ruled out.

(c) Purchases of Edible Oils are finalised by the canalising agency, the State Trading Corporation of India Limited, by inviting tenders from international suppliers. A quanity of 6,000 tonnes of crude Coconut Oil has been accordingly purchased by STC at US dollar 344 per tonne CIF for shipment in January, 1991, of Philippines/Indonesian origin.

Coconut as an oilseed

*125 SHRI V. GOPALSAMY.
SHRI R GANESAN alias
Misa R. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have declared Coconut as an oilseed; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) what steps have been initiated to help the Coconut growers;

(c) whether any subsidies have been announced; if so, when and the details thereof; and

(d) if the answer to parts (b) and (c) above are in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE